



United States Mission to the OSCE

Statement on Fires in Nagorno Karabakh

As delivered by Ambassador Julie Finley
to the Permanent Council, Vienna
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Mr. Chairman,

Last year, and at considerable expense, the OSCE mounted a Fires Assessment Mission to investigate the causes of, and ways to mitigate the effects of, wild fires in Nagorno Karabakh. This mission made numerous recommendations.

The United States calls on the Governments of Armenia and Azerbaijan to facilitate the implementation of these recommendations, which would benefit all people living in the area as well as the region as a whole.

Thank you.